

POLREP #2 - Emergency Response  
NW 54<sup>th</sup> St. Drums Site  
87<sup>th</sup> Ave. North and 54<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Miami, Dade County, Florida 30130

DATE: 10-JUN-03

To: R4 - Regional Response Center

**Site No:** A4BG

**EPA ID:** FLN000407632

**Contractor:** KEMRON

**NPL Status:** NO

**Start Date:** 05/02/03

**DO Amount:** \$ 75,000

**Response Authority:** CERCLA

**State Notification:** 05/02/03

**Demobilization Date:** UNK

## I. BACKGROUND

On May 01, 2003, the Miami-Dade County Police Department discovered and abandoned 53 foot trailer containing drums along NW 54<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami, Florida. The trailer was unlocked and some of the drums appeared to be leaking. DERM was called in to assess the situation. After performing an assessment, DERM requested the assistance of Florida DEP-BER with the handling and disposal of the drums. FL BER performed quick stabilization actions and notified EPA. On May 02, 2003, FL BER began to remove and overpack drums from the trailer. FL BER also supported the then on-going investigation by State and County Police.

On May 02, 2003, OSC Stilman arrived on-scene. By the time of OSC Stilman's arrival, approximately 20 drums had been removed with at least four times that amount still left to be removed. Additionally, no known owner of the trailer had been found. Based on the large quantity of drums of unknown contents, FL BER requested EPA assistance with the removal, transportation and disposal of the drums. Based on the continuing threat of release from the abandoned trailer and the poor condition of the drums, on May 03, 2003, OSC Stilman activated ERRS and START to assist with Site clean-up.

## II. SITUATION

On 06-MAY-03, EPA CID completed on-site investigations and requested EPA ERRB move the drums to a secure location provided by Dade County. Movement of the drums, approximately 150, and associated debris was completed by 07-MAY-03. On 09-MAY-03, OSC Stilman was contacted by Dade County to remove the drums from Dade County property. At that time, OSC Stilman requested Dade County provide another location to temporarily store the drums anywhere in Dade

County, to allow time for EPA disposal. Dade County declined to provide a location. On 31-MAY-03, after several additional failed attempts by EPA to convince Dade County to provide a temporary storage location, EPA moved the drums to a FLDEP drum storage area in Palm Beach County. The drum storage area was provided with the help of FL-BER. Before shipment of the drums an emergency exemption was issued to EPA by the USDOT.

On 09-JUN-03, EPA and KEMRON mobed to the site to begin sampling and field hazardous characterization analysis for disposal. Sampling is expected to be completed by 12-JUN-03.

#### III. COSTS TO DATE

	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
ERRS	\$ 29,337	\$ 75,000
START	15,000	20,000
TOTAL	\$ 44,337	

#### IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

Drums and associated debris will be sampled to determine disposal options. Disposal will take place upon receipt of analytical results.

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